

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

For those of us who value democracy, access to a variety of viewpoints is not simply desirable, but necessary. These newly proposed rules are opposed to democratic ideals. While they serve the interests of those who own media outlets, they hurt the American citizenry.